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Press witch-hunt launched; Belfrage gets wide support, N.Y. Post Editor is grilled

CONGRESSIONAL probers last week hotly denied any intent to interfere with freedom of the press, but these were the facts:

- GUARDIAN's editor Cedric Belfrage was under subpena to appear before Rep. Harold Velde's Committee on Un-American Activities in New York May 4. His summons sparked a major fight-back spirit that New York has not experienced in a very long time.
- N. Y. **Post** editor James A. Wechsler on April 24 was summoned to Washington for a closed-door session with Sen. Joe McCarthy's investigating committee.
- The April issue of **Vet's Voice for Peace**, a small 4-page publication of a veteran's peace organization, was confiscated by the U. S. Post Office.

Wechsler was called before McCarthy ostensibly because one of his books had been found in one or more overseas libraries maintained by the State Dept. Wechsler termed this excuse "spurious," reported that most of the questions asked had to do with the **Post**, its personnel and its policies.

"SERIOUS ISSUES": He termed the interrogation "a flagrant attempt to intimidate editors who are fighting McCarthy," said he hoped other editors "will recognize the nature of the proceedings." (At press-time the **Post** had not printed a word of Belfrage's subpena, although a news release was delivered by hand to its city editor.)

Wechsler's avowed and documented anti-communism was no help to him before McCarthy; the Senator at one point suggested seriously that this was a pose to render Wechsler more effective. Last Monday the editor requested McCarthy to make public his testimony, said:

> "I plan to ask the American Society of Newspaper Editors to study the record in view of what I consider to be serious issues affecting freedom of the press."

McCarthy said he might consider the request if Wechsler, who admits membership in the Young Communist League from 1934 to 1937, will reveal the names of all the persons he knew as YCL'ers in that period. On Apr. 29

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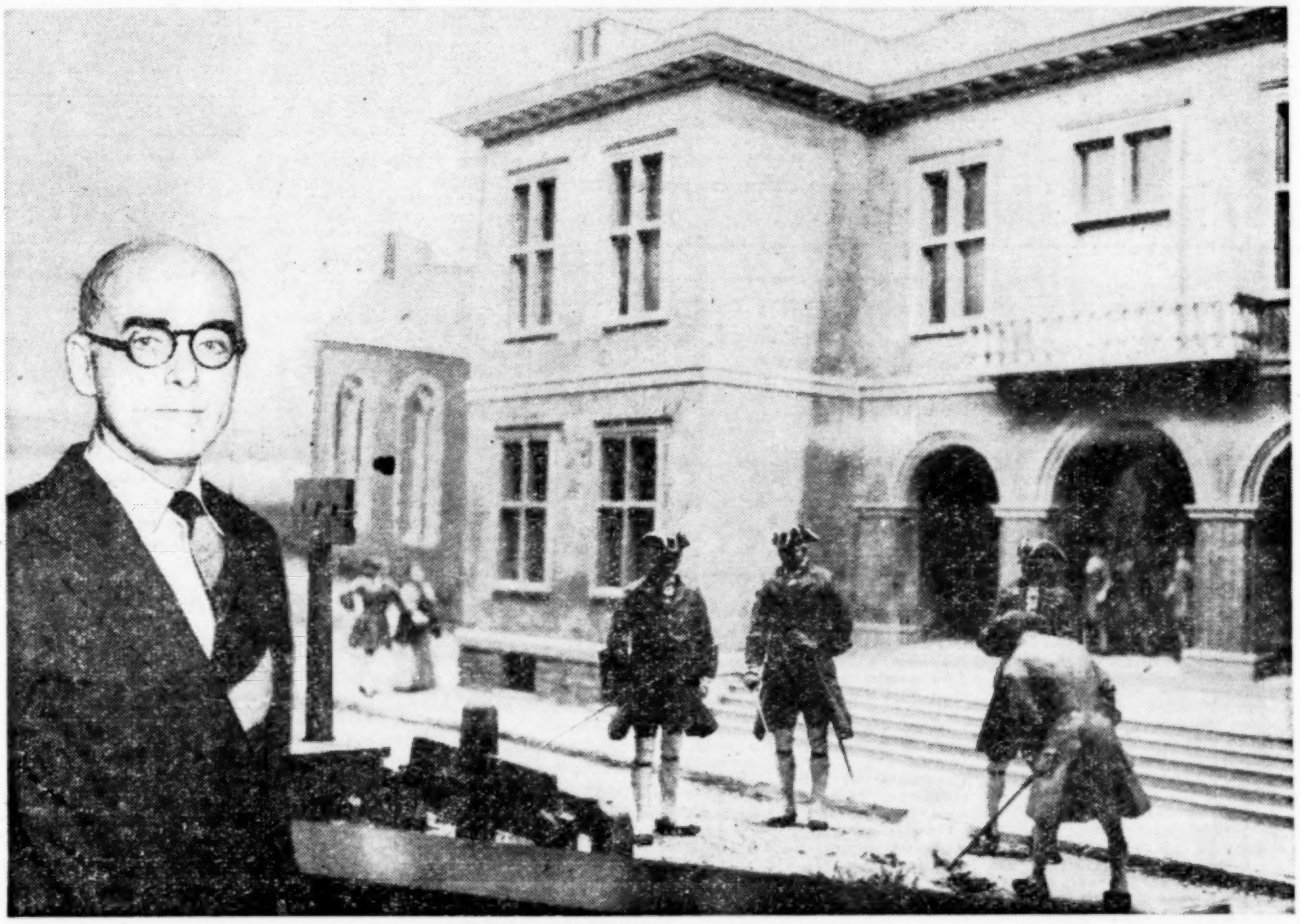

BOOK BURNING, U. S. STYLE

This diorama in the memorial exhibit in New York to John Peter Zenger, pre-Revolutionary editor who won the first test case of the opposition press' right to speak its mind, shows Zenger's paper being burned in the streets as the authorities sought to suppress it. The week the exhibit opened, the 20th-century revival of the assault on the opposition press began with subpenaing of GUARDIAN editor Belfrage (above, with exhibit) for "investigation" by the Un-American Activities Committee. Earlier that same month, opposition books, papers and pamphlets were burned by a mob under the eyes of the police in the streets of Chicago (GUARDIAN, 4/20).

Corliss Lamont, author of one of the books burned, last week sent Sen. Hendrickson, chairman of the Civil Liberties Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, the charred remains gathered up after the book-burning. As an author "whose right of freedom of opinion has been trampled upon and canceled out," Lamont urged "thorough investigation of this outrageous action" by Hendrickson's committee and prosecution, if warranted, of those responsible.

"The great American democracy," Lamont wrote, "in which both you and I believe will not long endure if this sort of thing can happen with impunity." The U. S. press blacked out Lamont's action as it had blacked out news of the book-burning itself.

Mr. Cohn and Mr. Schine and the Church of England's dray-horse

RETURNING last week from a European "fact-finding" tour for Sen. McCarthy's Senate Investigations Committee were Roy Cohn, 26, one of the prosecutors in the Rosenberg case; and Gerard David Schine, 26, "five years in the movie business." In a few days they had visited Bonn, Berlin, Frankfurt, Munich, Vienna, Belgrade, Rome, Paris and London to probe for U. S. "subversives" and get information which would

> ". . . save the taxpayers money. . . . Secy. Dulles has asked all American diplomatists to co-operate with us" **(Manchester Guardian** from Rome).

Asked in Rome how much their trip was costing U. S. taxpayers, Cohn and Schine changed the subject. Frankfurt's **Abendpost** reported one dinner at which they interviewed a public affairs officer for two hours, which "cost more than $25." In Germany "they were able to 'do' Radio Free Europe, with about 1,200 employees, in half an hour" **(Manchester Guardian).**

"ABORTED ROSEBUDS": First fruit of their probe was the return April 26 from W. Germany, for questioning by McCarthy, of acting deputy director Theodore Kaghan of the U. S. High Commission's Public Affairs Divn. Kaghan refused to answer a number of Cohn's and Schine's questions, called them "junketeering gumshoes."

This was mild talk compared with what Europeans called Cohn and Schine in an infuriated outburst unparallelled since the cold-war alliance. These were some British samples:

- The vileness of Mr. McCarthy's conduct . . . two roving and scummy snoopers . . . McCarthy's distempered jackals (London **Financial Times).**
- It would be difficult to convey the impression made by these two young investigators. Their limited vocabulary, their self-complacency and their paucity of ideas. . . . **(Manchester Guardian).**
- . . . These two young men with unformed but tightly shut minds like aborted rosebuds. . . . **(New Statesman & Nation).**
- . . . Agents of intolerance and totalitarianism. . . . These two young men departed these shores rubbing the marks of a kick such as an athletic dray-horse might deliver in a moment of exasperation **(Church of England Newspaper).**
- Let McCarthy's two precocious youngsters . . . be made familiar with the British hatred of bullying honest officials to serve the ulterior purpose of a fanatic in authority. . . . (London **News Chronicle).**

GENIUS AT WORK: The Frankfurt **Abendpost** reported that Cohn and Schine asked one American deputy-chief of mission: "What is European integration? What does Western orientation mean?" Cohn told the press in Rome: "I suggested the fingerprinting of American citizens serving in United Nations . . . it was an excellent suggestion."

The N. Y. **Times** reported from London that "after a brief chat" with U.S. Ambassador Aldrich the two youths said: "For a man who has been here only two months he seems to have grasped the problems very well."

STARTLED CHAMBERMAID: The press reports indicated Cohn and Schine were at war not only with most of Europe but with each other. In Frankfurt, an hour after arriving at the High Commission public affairs office, Schine announced he had put on the wrong trousers; the right ones were sent for, then he found his notebook was missing. Cohn and Schine returned to the hotel and, in the lobby, "it was observed that Mr. Schine batted Mr. Cohn over the head with a rolled-up magazine." They went to Schine's room which was later found by the chambermaid with all the furniture overturned, ashtray contents strewn about the room.

In their final interview at London airport,

> . . . both looked and behaved like harassed men. They seemed particularly eager to speak their mind—Mr. Schine spoke his for 15 minutes—and the two of them often spoke at once. . . .

Commenting on the Cohn-Schine purge of American libraries in Europe, London's **Daily Telegraph** summed up:

> . . . The best pro-Soviet propaganda recently found in American libraries in Europe has been the eager duet of Mr. Cohn and Mr Schine.

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Cramps

VAN NUYS, CALIF.

In one day Ike delivered his long-awaited war-like "peace talk" and his long-awaited first ball of the baseball season. Both were foul balls.

Ike talked of liberation. Not about liberation for Puerto Rico. Rather, he talked of liberating the Indo-Chinese and Malayans from their Indo-Chinese and Malayan liberators. He talked of liberating the East European Democracies from socialism. He talked of liberating A-bombs from high-flying long-range bombers. Personally, I think Ike confused obliteration with liberation.

The purpose of this speech was to "wrest the initiative." What it did was to "arrest the initiative." Following the speech, Ike developed food poisoning. It sort of gave me cramps, too. N. N.

DP's and FE's

NEW YORK, N. Y.

It bothers me greatly to have the initials "DP" apply to fascists. To my mind a DP is a displaced person who was a victim of fascism, someone we have great compassion for. All the homeless unfortunates wandering around in Europe, in Israel and in Korea are true DP's.

Couldn't we call the newly arrived fascists something else when we refer to them? The "FE's" (Fascist Emigres) are not the ones Emma Lazarus meant in The New Colossus. Mrs. D. G. L.

Eastman's executions

NEW YORK, N. Y.

The N. Y. Sunday Times (March 8, 1953) carried on the front page of its News of the Week in Review a picture with the caption: "Great Masses Are at Malenkov's Disposal for Peace or War." On March 13 the NYT ran a letter from Max Eastman, who pointed out that a Russian word meaning "execute by shooting" was plainly visible on a poster in the picture. Eastman combined the Russian word in the picture with the NYT caption in such a way as to imply that the somber mood of the Russian people at Stalin's death and Malenkov's accession was somehow connected with the injunction "execute by shooting."

Smelling something fishy, I did a little amateur investigating. The picture turned out to have been "taken back in 1937," according to the March 23 issue of Time magazine. "Execute by shooting," therefore, is doubtless the last word of a slogan referring to those denounced as traitors in the purges of that year. The slogan of 1937 obviously has nothing to do with the events of 1953 and consequently Eastman's letter was "quite clearly a misrepresentation," as the editor of the Review of the Week admitted to me in a recent letter.

I am sending you this story because the NYT tells me it is interesting but can't find room to print it. Yours For Less Deliberate Lying in the NYT

Hollywood, U. S. A.

E. HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.

In Silver City, N. M., an independent union (Mine, Mill & Smelters) and an independent group (blacklisted Hollywood film workers) were making a film dedicated to the rights of labor and the dignity of Mexican-Americans, entitled Salt of the Earth.

Rep. Donald Jackson, Gauleiter of Santa Monica, mouthpiece for Hollywood reactionaries and exponent of "independent enterprise," was rankled by this example of independent enterprise.

He stormed in the halls of Congress; he incited to violence in Silver City, N. M.; he initiated the "protective custody" and framed-up deportation of a leading actress from a neighbor nation; and he subpoenaed the chief investor in the film before the infamous Un-American Committee.

On the day he raged in Congress in behalf of Hollywood reaction, the L. A. Daily News carried these typical blurbs for current Hollywood products (never criticized by Jackson):

"In the long, dark history of guilty love, no crime of passion to match it. Naked drama as fierce and unashamed as the crime that gave it birth."

"Murder and mayhem in the tall timber country."

"The only girl in a lawless, love starved wilderness. Men fought for her with guns, fists and fury. The last man alive gets her."

"Like the crack of 1,000 six-guns."

"Savage love, savage men and a woman who lives only for excitement—and men."

Titles: The man behind the GUN, The BAD and the beautiful, The silver WHIP, The silk NOOSE, The NAKED spur, DESPERATE search, Ride the man down, Mississippi gambler, THUNDER in the East. Earl F. Cassia

We carry no stick

SEATTLE, WASH.

Most of your readers may peruse the Mailbag section first but Report to the Readers is always first with me. I want to catch the pulse of our beloved NG before moving on. Your quality continues to improve.

Naturally, you could have knocked my bugging eyes off with a stick when I catch my name in your roundup. Reaction? Humilation. If I were doing 5% of what I should or want to do re building the NG there might be justification in the inclusion. Result? Determination to turn to and do more. Enclosed is my May pledge of $5. Lyle Mercer

LYLE MERCER

The Rosenberg evidence

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

My heartfelt congratulations on your new and unconstestable proofs that the Greenglasses lied. Your console table evidence will, I believe, deliver the final blow to the Rogge-Saypol frame-up conspiracy against the Rosenbergs and all peace-loving Americans. How much easier will all who cherish justice and peace breathe once the Rosenbergs go free.

And all out for the Randalls Island Rally on May 3. Ellwood Griest

Confidentially, it pays

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Double the number of ad insertions for The Boroughs & Associates. What jolted us into action (long intended) on this was the superlative expose on the Rosenbergs' console table. This is marvelous journalism for the people and—God Almighty!— we can't let this kind of a paper down.

(If you twist our arm, we are forced to admit that GUARDIAN advertising pays.) Reuben W. Borough

How WOULD he feel?

BRONX, N. Y.

I wrote this letter to the President:

Mister President:

I think you are making a big mistake in your decision about the Rosenbergs. I think you should reconsider the matter. How would you feel if you were in the shoes of the Rosenbergs' children? I don't think you would be very happy if you knew that your parents were condemned to die. I believe that the Rosenbergs are very fine people and have done nothing wrong to deserve the punishment that you have confirmed. Again I say, I think you should seriously think the matter over and give it as much thought as you can. M. A., age 11

How crazy can you get dept.

NAIROBI, Kenya—Two women flew out of here recently, accompanied by 27 cats. Miss Joan Beech, who is English, and Miss Nan Cotton, Australian, were taking the cats to England to save them from the Mau Mau.
—Denver Post, April 20.

One year free sub to sender of each item printed under this heading. Winner: Mary Demming, Denver, Colo.

Earth Control

A South of England clergyman, the Rev. Dr. S. Wood, declared in a sermon that the threat of over-population was worse than the threat of war, and that only atom bombs, epidemics or enforced birth control could save the world. He suggested that an international parliament be set up to fix the annual quotas of births in each country.—NEWS ITEM.

Said the misanthropic pastor
"There's a horror worse than war—
"Humans breed, and breed disaster."
Birth brings death to every door!

"A parliament" (of sterile hermits?)
"Must kill this curse in every clime.
"No parturition without permits!"
And motherhood becomes a crime?

"The human garden must be weeded:
"War and plagues must help anew
"To rid the world of the Unneeded."
And who, sir, said they needed you?

Padre of depopulation,
Peddler of Heroic cures,
Have you sinned-by-procreation
'Gainst this parliament of yours?
Have you practiced what you're preaching?
Or are you barren, like your teaching?

This poem was written by S. Marshak, the leading humorous poet of the Soviet Union, translator of Shakespeare, Burns, nursery rhymes, etc. It appeared in "Pravda" and was translated by Archie R. Johnstone.

CALLING 'FRISCO!

A small group of GUARDIAN boosters are ready to go to work on a continuing sub and renewal campaign (sorely needed) in San Francisco. They need help. San Francisco readers who want to pitch in, please write to Guardian Promotion, 17 Murray St., New York 7, N. Y.

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Report to Readers: Pink slips & red ink

WE'VE BEEN PRETTY ANGRY down on Murray Street these days, over the pink slip delivered into the hands of Cedric Belfrage telling him "to fail not" to appear before the Un-American Activities Committee on May 4. There has been a big protest rally to plan, leaflets to distribute and meetings to cover, to co-ordinate the battle that's shaping up in New York against the Invasion.

After we got through reading the First Amendment to our kids last night, to help them keep their sights straight—and to counteract the frightened nonsense they get in school these days—we decided to take a good look at the exchequer, as we call our "cash" balance, to make it sound fatter than it is.

Well, it wasn't very fat. And with the fight against the Velde-McCarthy mob coming up, and summer sunshine (and doldrums) ahead, we know it isn't going to get any fatter if we don't get up on our hind legs and holler out loud.

WE TOLD YOU about a month ago when we asked for more monthly pledges, that the going was very rough, that we'd have to buck hard to pull through. We have. We've cut our salaries 25 per cent—staff-wide—trimmed and snipped wherever we could, and raised the price to $3 a year beginning with this issue. We did these things because they are necessary, because we think that keeping the GUARDIAN alive and vigorous is the most important contribution we can make in these critical times.

Then we totted up the pledge score and this is what we found: By March 1 pledges were 900. By April 1 they were up 300 to 1,200. Total pledges received in April, 50. CONCLUSION: NOT ENOUGH.

WE'RE BUCKING FOR 1,000 new pledges in May. The best way to make sure we get them, and to make sure we avoid The Worst, is for you to put a buck in an envelope TODAY and mail it in with a pledge for a similar action each month for the next 12 months. That dollar a month comes to 3 cents a day. Are we worth it to you?

The pledge form is directly to the left of these words. Will you fill it out now? We will send you a postpaid reminder each month.

We want to go into the summer with hope and with strength. We'll do our part. Will you do yours? THE EDITORS

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WAR & PEACE Press refutes own 'atrocity' stories; Communists broaden peace bids

Something old, something new,
Something borrowed, something blue.

TO the world in general, Washington last week seemed to be patching up a policy from the ancient formula for brides.

At Panmunjom, Korea, the old U.S. intransigence in face of compromise offers concerning POW's "unwilling to go home" looked like a continued try to keep the deadlocked war going. To prevent collapse of the truce talks, the Chinese-N. Koreans offered to accept an "Asian nation" (India or Indonesia) as unrepatriated POW custodian and leave the duration of custody to further negotiation. The U.S. continued to oppose transfer of the POW's to any neutral country.

"PUBLIC INDIGNATION": Meanwhile accusations of "atrocities" against American POW's reached a hysterical pitch. State and Defense officials told Sen. Styles Bridges' Appropriations Committee the atrocities were probably "sadly and unfortunately true"; Bridges called for "war crimes trials"; Sen. William Knowland (R-Cal.) threatened a diplomatic break with Moscow; many papers exulted that "public indignation over the atrocities" would block a truce.

Yet the very papers carrying atrocity stories contained refutations. "Duplications" in the stories of death and hardships on long marches and in camps, told by a handful of returned POW's, were conceded. The N.Y. **World Telegram**'s Jim Lucas (4/25) said some men were unsure of the facts, "others repeated what fellow-prisoners told them, not what they'd seen"; admitted the "atrocities" occurred some two years ago, when the Communists

> . . . were in serious trouble [with their own soldiers going] days and weeks without adequate food. There is no evidence yet that the Reds conspired systematically to mistreat prisoners. They simply were unable to care for them.

STORIES CONFLICT: **Newsweek** (4/27) said the "stories of the ex-prisoners who were ready to talk conflicted." The N.Y. **Herald Tribune** (4/25) said "none of the returning [POW's] has told of any deliberate atrocities or massacres." British Commonwealth forces' commander Lt. Gen. Henry Wells flatly stated that from

> . . . interviews with repatriated [British] POW's we have gained no knowledge of death marches or similar treatment (**Reuters**, 4/25).

Despite almost unanimous reports of good treatment in Chinese camps, the U.S. Defense Dept. said "privations suffered" in these camps had made a "small group" of exchanged POW's "succumb" to Communist indoctrination, and they would be sent to the Army's Valley Forge (Pa.) hospital for "medical and psychical treatment" (**NYT**, 4/29).

SOMETHING NEW: While inflammatory outbursts continued in the U.S., Moscow's **Pravda** (4/28) took Eisenhower's peace-policy speech seriously, printing the full text and devoting its whole front page to a constructively

Franc-Tireur, Paris

"While we're exchanging—couldn't we exchange our uniforms for civvies?"

tolerant but firm analysis. It objected to the U.S. attitude of not being "willing to discuss peaceful measures" unless its "unconditional terms" were met first; the Soviet government had its own conditions but was willing to open talks for peaceful settlement of world issues without "any preliminary demands" on anybody.

It said that Soviet actions were determined neither by "soft" nor "tough" policy, nor by the threat of the A-bomb, but by the Soviet people's "basic interests of peace and international security." It welcomed the opportunity to join in a war against world-wide poverty financed—as Eisenhower suggested it could be—from savings achieved by disarmament.

SOMETHING BORROWED: Echoes of the Truman administration's reactions to similar peace bids from Moscow were heard in the announcement by Presidential press secy. Hagerty that Eisenhower was still looking for "definite steps" by the U.S.S.R., although **Pravda's** "milder tone" was "a welcome change."

Walter Lippmann (**NYHT**, 4/28) saw the White House response as no more than "a kind of temporary stopper," suggested that "Secy. Dulles will be badly advised" if he fails to "translate the general purposes of the President's speech into a series of negotiable propositions." But bellicose statements by Dulles following Eisenhower's speech had already convinced most Western diplomats that the President would have to choose between firing him and admitting that his own "peace offensive" was a fraud. Pressure on Washington to agree to talks with Moscow without pre-conditions was still building up throughout West Europe.

SOMETHING BLUE: While in Geneva the UN Economic Commission for Europe—with Socialist countries participating—"opened up possibilities" (**NYT**, 4/26) for greater East-West trade which might lay a foundation for peace, Washington—seemingly panicked by possibility of Korean peace—seemed bent on enlarging the Indo-China war.

Early skepticism over the East-West trade talks gave way to worry over their apparent success with "80-odd formal trade negotiations that are to follow" (**NYT**, 4/28). The socialist countries agreed to trade only in goods not banned by the U.S. as "strategic," and especially in "items on which U.S. tariffs are highest" (**NYT**, 4/28). **Le Monde**'s Geneva correspondent predicted that "a certain indispensable [East-West] trade in strategic materials will go on" and the U.S. "will shut its eyes to certain industrial exports to Russia."

"U.S. prosperity" seeks war, "even if there is no war"

Robert C. Ruark (**NYWT**, 4/24) posed the U.S. big-business dilemma whimsically:

> "Gosh, but what'll we do this time if they ain't kidding and want to bury the broadax for a bit?" . . . We in this country have had no prosperity that was not based on aftermath of war, prelude to war, war itself, and war and threat of war since the time I was born. . . . I imagine that we will continue to think of ourselves at war, even if we are not, and we must be strong and continue to build and prepare for war, even if there is no war.

EYES ON INDO-CHINA: Looking around for another war in case a Korea armistice should threaten "war prosperity," business-government-Pentagon leaders had fastened their gaze on French Indo-China where the Vietminh anti-colonial forces had penetrated deep into the state of Laos.

On the true state of affairs in Indo-China the U.S. press maintained its tradition of blackout and distortion, presenting the Laos advance as a sudden Vietminh thrust somehow inspired by "the Kremlin." Actually a "resistance front" between the peoples of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos was set up in 1950; Laotian guerrillas, in co-ordination with the Vietminh, have made many surprise attacks on French positions—with complete popular support—even in the capital city of Luang Prabang. The present attempt at full liberation of Laos is the climax of a nearly three-years' campaign.

NATO IS "BEARISH": At the Paris NATO Council meeting Dulles, while seeking to raise targets in Europe, pledged greater aid to the French against the Vietminh who, as U.S. Pacific Commander Adm. Radford said, "must be defeated" (**NYT**, 4/26).

But when Dulles arrived in Paris, opposition to U.S. policy was hardening. Danish Premier Eriksen, under popular pressure, repudiated his support for NATO air bases in Denmark. The British people were reported "very bearish" on rearming Germany (**NYT**, 4/25). France said it could not raise military service from 18 to 24 months (**NYT**, 4/13); in municipal elections the Communist Party, France's largest, increased its 1951 vote of 25.9% to 27.5%, while the Gaullists took serious losses. The CP immediately proposed a working alliance with the Socialists.

W. German Chancellor Adenauer, "very sure that he is America's favorite son in Europe" (**NYT**, 4/26), suffered a heavy defeat when parliament's Upper House failed to ratify the European Army treaty. The German Socialists, second largest party—confident of a chance soon "to reunite Germany through talks with the Soviet Union"—promised "a last-ditch fight" against NATO treaties (**NYT**, 4/27). In Italy, Premier de Gasperi, despite unconstitutional maneuverings with voting methods, felt uncertain about his chances in the June elections.

"HANDOUT ERA" OVER: Dulles had to be satisfied with a "stretch-out" of NATO targets, both for armed forces and construction of bases. Taking stock of the meeting, **NYT**'s Hanson Baldwin (4/26) called NATO's condition "serious but not critical," the future "obscure."

Dulles said the meeting was "very successful . . . very realistic" (**UP** 4/27). Although it was "accompanied by a host of . . . dinners, theater parties, lunches, teas and convivial between-sessions drinks," and Americans especially "were bombarded with a volley of social invitations" (**NYT**, 4/26), his parting message was that the "handout era" of U.S. aid was over (**UP**, 4/27)—a message "received by the French and the British with something approaching shock" (**NYT**, 4/27).

In Oberammergau, Germany, site of the Passion Play, U.S. forces began a series of atomic-warfare indoctrination courses for senior NATO officers (**NYT**, 4/23). The State Dept. said it was "considering" $100 bribe offers to each Chinese soldier who would desert (**NYWT**, 4/28).

From Tokyo, Gen. Mark Clark broadcast an offer of "$100,000 to the first Communist pilot who will deliver a Russian-built MIG-15 jet fighter" to the U.S. forces in Korea. U.S. newscasters seemed surprised that no MIG was delivered within 48 hours.

Attack on press

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Wechsler said he'd give the names.

McCARTHY'S MESS: McCarthy's sudden invasion of journalism didn't deter him long from his main target of the moment: the State Dept. On April 24 he announced "widespread waste and Communist propaganda" in the dept.'s division of motion pictures for overseas distribution, said his investigators had "uncovered evidence which makes [this] section look like the worst of the whole mess." Called for questioning was recently-resigned section chief Herbert Edwards, husband of India Edwards, vice-chairman of the Democratic Natl. Committee.

HOUNDS IN SCHOOLS: Both the Velde committee and the Senate Internal Security subcommittee headed by Sen. Jenner (R-Ind.) continued their rival probes of schools and colleges; by last week several more educators were out of jobs for invoking the protection of the Fifth Amendment against self-incrimination.

Congress launched a new attack on the Amendment itself: on April 20 the Senate Judiciary Committee approved 12 to 1 a bill authored by Sen. Pat McCarran (D-Nev.) that would grant immunity from prosecution to certain witnesses; under such immunity their only alternative to talking would be a prison sentence for contempt. An identical bill won committee approval in 1951 but never reached the floor for debate. Observers saw a good chance of its passage this year.

As it was, Congressional contempt citations were plentiful enough. A compilation by U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Bazelon showed that there were more Congressional contempt citations in a recent two-and-a-half year period than in all the previous 92 years; there were 113 between 1857 and 1949; 117 from January, 1950 to June, 1952.

THE TWELVE: The Justice Dept. last week followed up the Subversive Activities Control Board's ruling that the Communist Party must register with the dept. and list its officers, members and finances. It requested the Board to start similar proceedings against 12 "communist-front" organizations:

> Labor Youth League, Intl. Workers Order, Civil Rights Congress, American Comm. for Protection of Foreign Born, Natl. Council for American-Soviet Friendship, Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Comm., Jefferson School of Social Science, United May Day Comm., Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, Council on African Affairs, Comm. for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy, and the American Slav Congress.

The Communist Party announced non-compliance with the order, said it would appeal the ruling all the way to the Supreme Court if necessary. Of the new citations, C. B. Baldwin, natl. secy. of the Progressive Party, said:

> "We in the Progressive Party demand that President Eisenhower put a stop to these shameful persecutions of organizations whose sole 'crime' has been to defend the rights of all Americans against the viciously anti-democratic actions of McCarran, McCarthy, Velde, Mundt and their like. We demand that he instruct [Atty. Gen.] Brownell to withdraw the actions against these 12 organizations. We also call upon the President to ask Congress to repeal the McCarran Act, an act which Americans will view with shame for generations, and which is a brazen effort to silence the protests of the people."

The Intl. Workers Order lost an appeal when a New York court upheld a state ruling that it be dissolved for "pro-Communist activities." The case will be taken to the Supreme Court.

THE MARK OF CAIN: For the first time the labor movement generally was showing acute alarm at the SACB danger. Nominated for membership on it is ex-Sen. Harry P. Cain of Washington, one of the country's most vigorous foes of trade unions. With the Goldwater-Rhodes bills pending in Congress (they would give SACB the power to outlaw unions declared under "subversive" domination), top leaders were taking a second look at the McCarran Act. Cain was happy:

> "I can think of few things I would rather undertake for the government. I am excited about the possibility."

He was confirmed by the Senate on April 23.

DOPE: Government employees, harrassed for years under loyalty probes, were hit again last week. The President announced new "security" procedures, set up 12 criteria of conduct ranging from dope addiction to association with anarchists, placed the fate of every worker in the hands of his department head with no right of appeal. Thousands once "cleared" now face another investigation.

WASHINGTON BUYS TIME TO CONDITION THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

All-out atomic policy demands 'hypnotized' America

By Tabitha Petran

DEVELOPMENT of Washington's counter-"peace offensive" makes it more imperative than ever for the American people to speak up now and demand genuine peace.

The Soviet reply to the President's April 16 speech which launched the counter-offensive was termed by "an experienced Moscow diplomat . . . a strong affirmation of Soviet preparedness to proceed to examination of specific disputed international issues" (Harrison Salisbury, N.Y. **Times**, 4/26). But Walter Millis (N.Y. **Herald Tribune**, 4/20) called the Eisenhower speech "not a proposal for coexistence with the Communist empire but for the latter's extinction." And Walter Lippmann (**NYHT**, 4/28) reported that even "our most constant friends" fear Eisenhower's speech

> . . . stands for a policy of unconditional surrender where the Soviet Union is prepared to negotiate all issues . . . [a fear which has been] enormously aggravated [by Secy. Dulles' later speech]. . . . The influence of the U.S. would sink catastrophically if the Soviet Union could pre-empt the position that all issues are negotiable while we were bound hand and foot by some form of unconditional surrender.

Rapidly developing events indicate that Washington is so bound, and that its "peace offensive" aims primarily to:

- **Buy time while it revises its military policy and strategic doctrine.**
- **Condition the American people to aggressive atomic war by a massive campaign of psychological warfare.**

"NEW" MILITARY POLICY: Since last November the Eisenhower team has been trying to devise a new military policy. Walter Millis wrote (11/10/52):

> Our present military policy has run its term; review and revision would be unavoidable in any case.

Last week the "new" policy became clear. The clash of military doctrines in the Pentagon—increasingly bitter since defeat in Korea—is now decided in favor of air-atomic strategy, long dominant but never wholly accepted by such one-time strong advocates of the "balanced-forces" concept as Gen. Omar Bradley, Joint Chiefs chairman.

NEW JOINT CHIEFS: This crystallizing decision lies behind recently mounting attacks on the Joint Chiefs, particularly Bradley. "Fundamental purpose" of the Taft forces leading them is (**NYT, 4/24**)

> . . . to bring about a re-examination of all basic military policy—including the presently accepted plans for aiding the defense of Western Europe—before any major commitments of money are authorized.

A Taft-Eisenhower conference (4/23) produced reports that Taft's plan for "a new standby military high command" to review strategic doctrine had "made some headway at the White House" (**NYT**, 4/25). Bradley asked that the Joint Chiefs' successors be named now. Walter Lippmann (**NYHT, 4/23**) said the "revision of strategic doctrine"

> . . . will be along the line of giving higher priority to strategic air power at the expense of the surface navy and ground forces. [This corresponds with the] Eisenhower doctrine that American forces ought not to be inextricably engaged on the ground beyond the oceans.

Atomic "thinking" triumphs in Washington

The victory of air-atomic strategy was already clear in secret testimony to Congress by NATO Chief of Staff Gen. Gruenther (4/1) "in which he disclosed that sparing use of ground forces and heavy use of atomic weapons was the keynote of Allied war plans" (**NYT**, 4/24). "The thinking," he said,

> **". . . is very definitely along this line—first of all, that air power is predominant. . . . The same psychology also goes with the idea of** making maximum use of tactical atomic weapons, using ground forces in order to create enemy targets by making his forces concentrate. . . ."

"WAR BABIES" HAPPY: Main factor behind the revision of strategic doctrine, according to Lippmann (4/23), was the Administration's decision to work toward "a policy of retrenchment and contraction"—clearly spelled out in Treasury Secy. Humphrey's New York speech (4/20). Air-atomic strategy offers:

- **A temporary solution to the economic dilemma faced by the Administration at home.** A huge buildup in air-atomic power will largely satisfy the war-baby corporations clamoring for more arms spending. While this shift is being made, it permits the cutbacks and stretch-out demanded by the basic producers who want a "little depression" to step up the rate of profit.
- **An apparent way out of the dilemma posed by U. S. allies' economic crises and growing demands, in and out of Congress to cut U. S. 'aid' to allies.** How to keep NATO going and simultaneously fulfill GOP pledges to cut "aid" was called the Administration's No. 1 problem, even last November.

LESS EUROPE "AID": Since air-atomic strategy, as the late Max Werner repeatedly pointed out, renders "Western Europe rather a liability" (**GUARDIAN**, 10/25/48) and "must deny any massive military aid to Western Europe" (10/31/49), Secy. Dulles can now tell NATO (**NYHT**, 4/24) that

> ". . . the U.S. will let 'Europeans be the pacemakers' in the Western defense effort, and that 'substantial reductions' are to be expected in the 1953-54 American budget."

For Washington, NATO's military importance is now confined to its airbases and airpower. Reduced U.S. aid will go largely for this.

"DRAIN BY BOMBING": The U.S. "overall strategic plan" (Ansel Talbert, **NYHT**, 4/12), recognizing the U.S.S.R. as "the world's greatest land power," has no thought of attempting to fight it "primarily with ground weapons." Its first step will be to

> . . . fling the full force of its strategic air offensive against the enemy heartland. . . . Most U.S. strategists admit that the Red Army could not be stopped barring unlooked-for success in initial bombing. It is their fervent hope that sections of Europe and the Middle East could be held. [But in any case the U.S. can] retake occupied territories once the strength of the Soviet war machine has been drained by bombing. . . . No American strategist is counting on anything but a long, grim conflict. . . .

It would be strange if U.S. allies did not object to being reduced simply to atomic bombing targets. Gruenther told Congress (**NYT**, 4/24): "One of the big 'worries' now is the nature of European response to U.S. policies."

Essentially, however, air-atomic strategy writes off the allies—and is itself partial recognition that U.S. policy can no longer appeal to the masses of the world's people. Its basic problem is to condition the American people, who want peace, to aggressive atomic war. For as Werner pointed out (11/14/49):

> . . . Atomic strategy is inextricably bound to attack and surprise, to strategic aggression. . . . Atomic weapon - attack - surprise - aggression-preventive war are one single package of which single elements cannot be used separately. Preventive war is but a political formula for strategic aggression.

"DANGEROUS" AMERICANS: Tribune des Nations military expert "Colonel X" developed this point (4/10) in explaining that if Western strategy were "really defensive" it "could not be so shaken by what appears to be a recession of the Soviet menace." Since the European public has long ceased to believe in a Soviet attack, he saw embarrassment over current Soviet diplomacy arising chiefly in two groups:

1. European participants in NATO who "dread the preventive war preached in whispers by their masters" but are frightened by the prospect of eased tension because it will take away justification for rearmament, the Indo-China war, "enterprises which enable them to put on the back of the stove questions decisive for the social order they wish to defend."

2. U.S. advocates of preventive war, one of whom he quoted as telling a French officer: "The third world war must be fought now or never." This means, "Col. X" said, that "if the Soviet psychological offensive succeeds, the U.S. will be morally forced to renounce preventive war—hence there will be no third world war." But this is an oversimplified and too optimistic view; for while preventive war cannot be waged by a democratic country without

> . . . the tacit consent of public opinion, in this respect American public opinion has been evolving dangerously. This tendency is on the point of being reversed. And that fact has an immense strategic significance which the Pentagon cannot ignore. (**Tribune des Nations, 4/10**).

CONDITIONING CAMPAIGN: MacArthur's proposal for immediate atomic threat to the socialist world, Sen. Bridges' demand for war on China—these are efforts to create the climate of opinion for atomic war. The Administration will reject the MacArthur proposal (James Reston, **NYT**, 4/26)—because it needs time militarily (to effect some sort of disengagement in Korea, a corollary of the shift to atomic strategy, and to outmatch the Soviet Air Force which it fears) and politically (to prepare the people).

But it faces the danger that a Korea cease-fire, however temporary—even the hope of one—will produce an enormous relief that this "lousy war" (Arthur Godfrey) is coming to an end and lead to an irresistible demand for real peace. Unless the people counter the pressures of MacArthur-McCarthy-Bridges and the Far East commanders, there may not even be a cease-fire.

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The barrage of atrocity propaganda, unleashed just as the return of POW's brought new hope, was aimed directly at reducing the American people to political impotence. Atrocity propaganda is a potent instrument for stirring hatred and fear at the most irrational level. In his **Total War and the Human Mind**, Dutch psychological-warfare expert Meerlo showed how the Nazis used similar propaganda to kill people's power "to think clearly and act sensibly." Noting that the "delusion of a nation that it is 'chosen' stands in the way of international collaboration," he wrote:

> Mass delusion can be induced. . . . If one isolates the mass, allows no outside corrective, and hypnotizes it daily with press, radio and film, with fear and pseudo-enthusiasm, any delusion can be instilled in it and it comes to accept as natural the most primitive acts.

BRUTALIZATION: The atrocity campaign is a step in conditioning Americans to accept as a "natural" act the atomic slaughter of millions who have done and intend them no harm. It also aims to counter revelations about U.S. treatment of Korean and Chinese prisoners, which has shocked the world.

The propaganda should alert the people to the fact that if they do not now assert control over policy, they will lose any chance of control; and Washington, faced by a constantly broadening Soviet peace diplomacy, will proceed from bankruptcy to bankruptcy with the danger mounting of atomic war.

PEOPLE CAN STILL WIN: There is the basis for a fight. The decision has been made in favor of the atomic war advocates, whose interference is run by the McCarthyites. But they cannot yet carry out their plans; and there are saner elements in the Administration, as Reston indicated (4/26), who believe intervention in China "would have no more effect than the Allied intervention against the Bolsheviks in Russia after the First World War." **Business Week** (4/25) concurred, declaring the President's speech showed his goal is "to seek a settlement with Russia based on 'negotiation rather than unconditional surrender"; but the paper added:

> **It is still far from clear that political pressures in the U.S. will allow him the necessary flexibility to pursue it.**

DOES THE PENTAGON WANT "CO-EXISTENCE" BY ATOMIZATION?
Artist Robert Joyce paraphrases Walter Millis' comment on Eisenhower's speech

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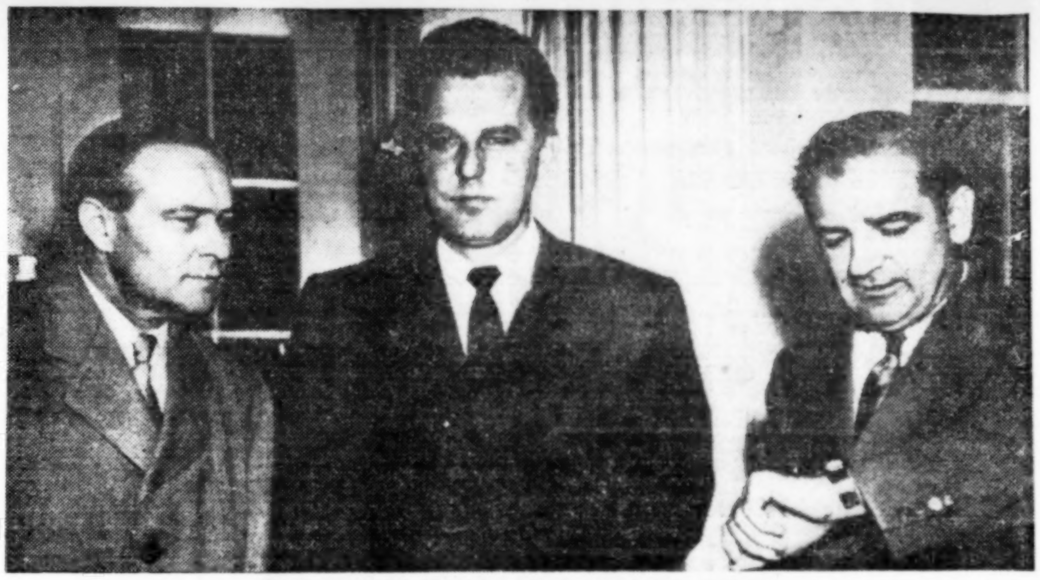
THE UN-AMERICAN INVASION

Thousands ready to rally against N. Y. witch-hunt



THE TIME IS MUCH LATER THAN WE THINK
Sen. Jenner (l), Rep. Velde (c) and Sen. McCarthy call at the White House to give the President some impeccable advice on how to spread more panic among government workers.

ALL last week agents of the House Un-American Activities Committee were visiting homes and offices throughout the city, delivering pink sheets of paper summoning New Yorkers to appear before the committee at Room 1105, Federal Court House, Foley Sq., at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 4.

The subpenas summoned not only witnesses, friendly and unfriendly, but thousands of New Yorkers to a fight-back for which they have long waited. There are fight-back precedents:

• Last September the committee invaded Chicago, summoned UE leaders at a time when Intl. Harvester workers were engaged in a bitter strike. Unionists strung a picket line around the building, jammed the corridors, beat on the doors of the closed hearing chamber, sang "Solidarity Forever" so loud it drowned out the testimony of a star informer. The committee left town after three days.

• Two weeks later the committee was beaten off in an invasion of Los Angeles. Before its hearings opened, the S. Calif. Comm. To Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (now called the Citizens Comm. To Preserve American Freedom) rallied 1,500 to "stand up and speak out." Guitar-playing, singing pickets warned witch-hunters: "Hands Off the Bill of Rights." On the stand Los Angeles doctors and lawyers made history by testimony that put the inquisitors in the dock. The committee, which had ballyhooed a long stay in L. A., quickly left town.

PRO & CON: In the 30's the inquisition, then known as the Dies Committee, had summed up all that was anti-New Deal, had won these citations:

• "Sordid . . . flagrantly unfair and Un-American."
—**Franklin D. Roosevelt**

• "The [committee's] program so closely parallels the program of the Klan that there is no distinguishable difference between them"—**James Colescott**, Imperial Wizard, KKK

PRESS UNDER FIRE: The New York invasion by the committee included a new and ominous note. For the first time it listed as a target, the press. Chairman Harold R. Velde (R-Ill.) announced a general attack on "the field of entertainment," but indicated that "the majority of our newspapers and radio stations" might be exempted. One newspaper was plainly not to be exempt: NATIONAL GUARDIAN.

Among the first to receive a slip was GUARDIAN editor and author Cedric Belfrage. The summons was heralded by a broadcast attack from Walter Winchell the Sunday before. In the same week editor James Wechsler of the N. Y. **Post** was quizzed in closed session by Sen. McCarthy (see Natl., p. 1.)

MIXED BAG: Though the opposition press was a new target, the Un-American Activities Committee was plainly planning a general barrage against the entire cultural field in the city, from school teachers to theatre people.

A partial survey of the pink-slipped showed these sharing the firing line with Belfrage: 4 writers for film, TV and theatre; 3 others in the theatre; 2 publicists; 7 teachers. Indication were that many more had been called, including some from Hollywood and Boston. Reports were that the committee planned to stay several weeks unless Chicago and Los Angeles found echoes here.

FIGHTING BACK: The day after Belfrage was summoned, the GUARDIAN announced a fight-back rally at Palm Garden, 306 W. 52d St., Sunday night, May 3, on the eve of the committee's invasion. Leaflets were run off. The GUARDIAN press release brought quick response from papers overseas; big press in N. Y. ignored it.

Speakers listed for the rally, as the GUARDIAN went to press, include Vito Marcantonio, chairman, ALP; Dorothy Day, editor **Catholic Worker**; Rose Russell, legislative chairman, Teachers Union; Angus Cameron, editor and publisher; Leo Huberman, editor, **Monthly Review**. Messages of support to the embattled GUARDIAN came also from Carey McWil-

liams, editor of the **Nation**, representatives of many of the city's foreign language press (some already under attack), and from theatre people summoned by the committee.

JOINING THE BATTLE: The Natl. Council of Arts, Sciences & Professions held an emergency meeting last week, formed a stop Velde committee headed by screen writer Lester Cole, issued leaflets throughout the week. It scheduled two report-back meetings for Monday and Tuesday evenings, May 4, 5, at 405 W. 41st St., so that the public could hear witnesses and eye-witness report on the hearings first-hand.

The Teachers Union, long bearing the brunt of witch-hunt assaults by courts and boards, joined with ASP and

the GUARDIAN for the general fight-back.

Belfrage received this wire from Los Angeles:

"Citizens Committee Preserve American Freedoms which spearheaded fight against Un-American Committee here, invading doctors, lawyyers, entertainers and teachers rights, supports your battle against star chamber proceedings there. Know you will set back witch-hunt as Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles did. Protecting Bill of Rights Makes courage contagious. Regards.

"Rev. A. A. Heist, Chairman."

In Los Angeles "courage is contagious" became a watchword and the title of a pamphlet on the inquisition, published by the committee (6340 Stafford Av., Huntington Pk., L. A., 15c).

The invasion was to be heralded on TV on **Between the Lines**, May 3, WNBT, Channel 4, 12:30-1:00 p.m. Before the panel will be the question: "Does Legitimate Theatre in N.Y. need a Congressional Investigation?"

3 MUSTS: Other committees in the city were conferring, ready to join in efforts already under way or planning new defenses. For progressive New Yorkers, the upcoming week had three musts:

• Rally at Hands-Off-The-Guardian meeting, Palm Garden, 306 W. 52d St., Sun. evening, May 3.

• Those free in the morning fill hearing room 1105, Federal Bldg., Foley Square. Come early (9 a.m.) Mon., May 4 to get seats.

• Hear witnesses report back at 405 W. 41st St., Mon. and Tues. evenings, May 4, 5.

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May Day Parade banned; Big Union Sq. rally instead

LAST Friday some 800,000 New York families were to pay their rent with the 15% increase ordered by Albany; the city's disaster budget was passed by the Bd. of Estimate, meaning a slash in every city service and loss of jobs for many; peace was still demand No. 1.

In other years those would have made items for banners, placards and floats to be paraded down 8th Av., across W. 17th St. to Union Sq. Last Friday was not only rent day but May Day.

It was one of the very few May Days since 1886 that New York went without its parade. Ever since the cold war began May Day has been under attack by groups in and out of government. This year early application for a parade permit by the United Labor and People's Committee for May Day was contested by realty groups, Catholic War Veterans and the Social Democratic Federation.

VIOLENCE "EXPECTED": The police gave a verbal OK but when the West Side Assn. of Commerce and Catholic War Veterans sought an injunction against it, denied the OK constituted a permit; the Mayor said he would be "very happy" to be enjoined. Supreme Court Justice Carroll J. Walter revoked "anything which may be deemed a permit issued intentionally or inadvertently."

Those who argued against the permit, and the Mayor himself, anticipated violence in language that seemed to call for it. All referred to the eggs and fruit tossed by young hoodlums last year from rooftops in the Chelsea tenderloin, said the war in Korea would provoke worse this year. Those who saw the parade or remarked last year recalled it as the biggest in years.

BRING ON THE EGGS: Others openly approved force and violence. The **Daily News** (4/23) said editorially:

"Our own feeling, as for years past, is that these rats should be allowed to put themselves on exhibition once a year so that decent Americans can get a good look at them. We should all see them as they are — or newsreel and television shots of them. If they get pelted with eggs or wetted down and colored up with squirt-guns by patriotic young Americans, that's their tough luck."

The Brooklyn **Eagle**, calling labor's march "the annual march of traitors," said (4/23):

"What we have now is a reckless horde that makes no bones of its main purpose: vilification of the United States. It is a sorry spectacle and while we do not advocate throwing ripe tomatoes at anyone it is small wonder that disgusted onlookers give vent to their feelings of disgust. . . . The shabby display of traitors and potential traitors is no longer amusing."

"BLOODSHED WARNING": Arthur A. Walsh of the West Side Assn. of Commerce said he had been authorized by the United Council of Eastern Refugees to warn of "bloodshed" if the parade were held. (Twice in recent weeks riots have been caused, on New York's East Side and in Chicago, by groups of "displaced persons" who are mainly profascists admitted under the McCarran-Walter Act.) Walsh spoke in favor of a resolution before the City Council Rules Committee banning the parade. The resolution lost.

POLICE "CONTEMPT": Police Commissioner Monaghan readily yielded to threats, said he would consider no possible route for the parade because it "would create a potential riot-laden situation."

Leon Straus, chairman of the United Labor and People's Comm. for May Day, said the commissioner "has contempt for his own Police Dept. . . . when he says they are in no position to preserve law and order."

Monaghan then issued a permit for a rally in Union Sq. May Day Committee officials expected a full square by 3 p.m. on Friday. At a press conference Wednesday the committee said the Union Sq. rally would be a demonstration for peace that would serve "the true interests of the boys in Korea and the American people."

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STUDENTS at Bayside High School, 32d Av. and Corporal Kennedy St., Queens, attend a course they call McCarthyism 8. On the schedule it is listed as French 8 and taught by Mrs. Marjorie Skidmore.

Last fall Mrs. Skidmore, who has taught French for 16 years, took to writing sermons in English on the blackboard. Students copied some of them. Here are samples from their notebooks:

- "Do you know that the term 'McCarthyism' was coined by Owen Lattimore, that it was gleefully picked up by the **Daily Worker** and then spread to the N. Y. **Times**?"
- "Do you know that the Commies worked hard on a smear campaign to silence McCarthy because he had accused their most important stooge?"
- "Did you know that the three top men accused by Sen. McCarthy, because of whom he was criticized the most, were John Stewart Service, fired because he was a bad risk, John Carter Vincent, recently declared a bad risk, Owen Lattimore, convicted of perjury on 7 counts?"
- "They would probably still be doing their pro-Soviet dirty work now if Sen. McCarthy hadn't done what he did."

RED BULLETINS: Her students said that Mrs. Skidmore regularly clipped and posted on the classroom bulletin board "The Red Underground," a column by informer Herbert Philbrick appearing every other Sunday in the N.Y. **Herald Tribune**. On occasion she would write highlights from the column on the blackboard.

On open school night, Nov. 12, Mrs. Skidmore wrote this message on her blackboard:

"The pamphlets [protesting witch-hunts] that you received at the gate are being issued by the Teachers Union which has been openly shown to be 'red dominated.'"

FRENCH WITH TEARS: Mrs. Skidmore recommends reading matter having little to do with French such as testimony by ex-Communist Dr. Bella Dodd and the government pamphlet **100 Things You Should Know About Communism.**

Earlier this term she conducted a debate among her students on McCarthyism. Students reported that those opposed spoke first in halting high-school French. Pro-McCarthyites followed in English. Mrs. Skidmore silenced all protests.

PRINCIPAL QUERIED: Parents have complained to principal Samuel Moskowitz who edits the Bd. of Education's monthly bulletin, **"Strengthening Democracy."** Most dealt with Mrs. Skidmore's McCarthyism course, but some also objected to the French teacher's irrelevant lectures on foods. (She campaigns for whole wheat bread.) Moskowitz said that after Teachers Union representative Rose Russell several weeks ago referred to Mrs. Skidmore at a meeting of the Bd. of Education, authorities had asked him to prepare a report.

Since the report was already being considered, Moskowitz said he could not discuss it—but said he found "no basis for the kind of attack Miss Russell had made." He described Mrs. Skidmore as "a militant anti-communist." Schools supt. Jansen declined to comment.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Decatur, Michaelle, 5, and Michael Jr., 1, first Negro family in lily-white Metropolitan Life's Parkchester project, face eviction. On April 24, earlier eviction day, 200 neighbors gathered for breakfast. Move was postponed pending court action on Friday, with possible eviction notice due Monday. Neighbors were ready to breakfast with the Decaturs again. Address: 1641 Metropolitan Av., Bx., Apt. 5A. TV program protesting eviction over WOR, Channel 9, was canceled. Station said: "Not in the public interest."

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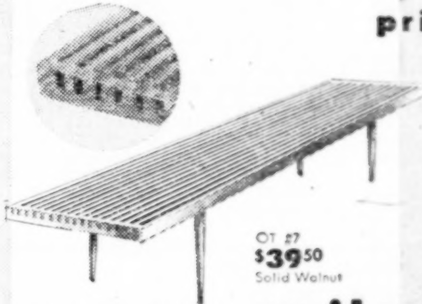

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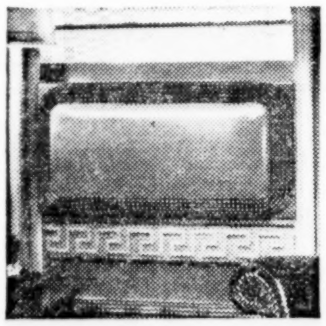

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THE BIG DEAL—Yugoslav Hall, 405 W. 41st St. Wed., Thurs. and Fri. evenings. 2 perf. Sun. Reservations: LO 5-9856.

TIME FOR A CHANGE — satirical revue, new songs, dances, skits directed by Elliot Sullivan. The Pythian, 135 W. 70th St., May 1 & 2, 8:30 p.m. $1.20, 1.80, 2.40. (Guardian Benefit Night, May 4).

LA CARRETA, (The Cart)—dramatic comedy in Spanish about a Puerto Rican family that emigrates to N.Y., by Rene Marques, writer and film producer for P.R. Dept. of Community Education. Nuevo Circulo Dramatico, St. Sebastian's Auditorium, 308 E. 24th St. May 7-10, 8:30 p.m. $1.20.

THE PLOUGH AND THE STARS—Sean O'Casey play on Irish Revolution. Current Stages in new quarters at Cherry Lane Theatre, 38 Commerce St., Wed. thru Sun. 8:30 p.m. Reservations: OR 5-9724.

MONDAY'S HEROES — Greenwich Mews Theatre, 141 W. 13th St. Nightly except Mon. & Fri. Res.: TR 3-4810.

HOBSON'S CHOICE — Lancashire folk drama. Equity Library Theater, Lenox Hill Playhouse, 331 E. 70th St., 8:40 p.m. May 6-10, mat. 3 p.m. Sun., May 10.

General

THE MEANING OF EINSTEIN—discussion led by Irving Adler, natl. dir. ASP, former math. dept. head, N. Y. City high school, ASP Center, 35 W. 64th St. Sun., May 10. 8:30 p.m. 85c.

A BUNT MIT A STATCHKE — Jewish folk operetta by Jewish Folk Choruses directed by Maurice Rauch; Cantata "Lublin" & other ghetto songs celebrating 10th anniv. Warsaw Ghetto; new Israeli songs. Carnegie Hall. Sat. eve., May 9. Tickets: Jewish Music Alliance, 1 Union Sq. W., WA 4-8311-2. $1.20-$2.40.

DEBATE: HUMANISM & DIALECTICAL MATERIALISM—Dr. Corliss Lamont, author, Columbia lecturer, and Dr. Howard Selsam, author, Jefferson School of Social Science director; moderator, Cedric Belfrage, Guardian editor. What does each philosophy offer? Can they unite in the fight against reactionary philosophy? Hotel Capitol, 8th Av. & 51st St. Sun., May 10, 8:15 p.m. Sponsor: Jefferson School of Social Science. Contribution: $1.

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MISSOURIANS: Crest Theatre, 1145 Ogden Ave., Bronx, Sat., May 9.

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PETER AND THE WOLF: Prokofieff's music by N. Y. Pops orchestra, narration by Faye Emerson. Carnegie Hall, 154 W. 57th St., May 9, 11 a.m. $1, 1.50, 3.40 & 4.00.

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MUS. OF MODERN ART, 11 W. 53d St. Shows 3 & 5:30 p.m. daily. Dietrich and Gary Cooper in Morocco (1930), thru Apr. 26; Dietrich & James Stewart, Destry Rides Again (1939), Apr. 27-May 3.

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THE SEAGULL — by Chekhov, Equity Library Theater, Lenox Hill Playhouse, 331 E. 70th St., 8:40 p.m. May 2-3, mat. 3 p.m., Sun., May 3.

THE CELLAR—by Loften Mitchell, starring Helen Marsh, People's Showcase Theater, 290 Lenox Av. Apr. 25, 8:30 p.m. Sun. eves., May 3, 10, 17, 8:30 p.m.

Manhattan

AMERICAN, 236 E. 3rd St. Spring (Russ.) musical comedy with Lyuba Orlova, Nikolai Cherkasov & Desperados Outpost, May 7-8.

ART, 36 E. 8th St. Man in the White Suit & Stranger In Between (both Br.), to May 4.

APOLLO, 223 W. 42d St. Singing Angels (Ger.) & Browning Version, May 7-8.

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8TH ST. PLAYHOUSE, 52 W. 8th St. Blithe Spirit (Br.) & Night Train to Trieste, to May 4.

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GREENWICH, Greenwich Av. & 12th St. Magnificent Obsession & Blue Lamp, May 3-5.

HEIGHTS, 150 Wadsworth Av. Story of 3 Loves & Nature's Half Acre (Disney nature featurette) thru May 5; High Noon & African Queen, May 6-9.

STUYVESANT, 189 2d Av. All My Sons & Wait Till the Sun Shines Nellie, thru May 6; Browning Version & Pool of London (Br.), May 7-8.

THALIA, 95th at B'way. Paisan & Open City (It.), May 1-7; Life Begins Tomorrow & Beauty and the Beast (both Fr.), May 8-17.

WAVERLY, 6th Av. & 3d St. Blithe Spirit (Br.) & Anything Can Happen, thru May 2; Last Holiday (Br., Guinness) & Encore (Br.), May 5-6.

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PEACE

Fyke Farmer, Stan Sydow, SOS and the 'peace-loving grandma' of Ohio

FYKE FARMER, Nashville (Tenn.) lawyer and specialist in unconventional methods of opposing war and defending civil liberties, sent a letter to President Truman on June 25, 1952, drawing his attention to "a fundamental law which is not being executed." He wrote:

> In 1945 you appointed Justice Robert H. Jackson of the Supreme Court as a member of the international committee to draft the Charter of the Nuremberg Tribunal. This Charter made individuals rather than states the subjects of the law. According to the principles of the Charter which were enforced by the Tribunals at Nuremberg and Tokyo, it is an offense against peace to plan, prepare, initiate, or wage war. It is immaterial whether it is war of aggression or a war in violation of international treaties. . . . The Charter specifically provides: "The fact that the defendant acted pursuant to the orders of his government or of a superior shall not free him from responsibility." . . [This] is now a part of the law of the land in the United States.

Farmer was ready to pay his fair share toward the government's "lawful functions," but objected to paying taxes into a "general fund from which appropriations for war are made," since this would be breaking the law by taking part in the "illegal activity of war." This and other letters both to Truman and Eisenhower were ignored, as were protests filed with Internal Revenue; but a federal lien was filed against Farmer's home and other property for the amount of tax—$4,733.95 plus interest.

RIGHT TO KEEP THE LAW: Earlier last year, in Nebraska, 22-year-old Stanley Dale Sydow had been indicted for refusing to report for the draft. Mrs. Harvey Sydow, convinced that Korea had "not threatened us in any way" and we had "no right to carry on war against them in their country," sought a lawyer to defend her son. All turned her down until she reached Farmer, who eagerly took the case. In an interview last Nov. 6 over WOW-TV (Omaha), Farmer was asked how the Sydow case fitted his program and how he intended to end war by law. Farmer said it was not a matter of enacting a law:

> "The law was made when President Truman, Churchill, Stalin and the head of the French government after World War II set up the Nuremberg Tribunal to try and punish the German war criminals."

Stanley Sydow, said Farmer, has a right not to make a criminal of himself.

"SAVE OUR SONS": Sydow pleaded not guilty in the U.S. District Court, Omaha, last June 16. The case was continued until the fall term; in October, Farmer filed a habeas corpus petition in the U.S. Supreme Court, which was denied.

Last month Farmer wrote the GUARDIAN: "To win the case I must have public opinion with me." One way in which he is seeking to enlist it is through active co-operation with the Save Our Sons (SOS) Committee. In January, GUARDIAN correspondent Sidney Ordower reported from Chicago:

> A group of parents and other relatives of GI's in Korea met at the downtown YMCA Monday night (1/12/53) to plan a delegation to President-elect Eisenhower for the week-end of Feb. 27 to request as his very first act in the White House to "stop the killing and make it possible for our loved ones to come home." Coming from communities in Illinois and Michigan, the group hopes to bring parents, relatives and sweethearts of GI's in Korea together from all over the midwest.

PEACE DOVE IN CHINA
Stocks didn't fall—there aren't any

The SOS Committee since then has twice taken delegations to Washington. Fyke Farmer was among them. Since then, also, SOS has issued a regular news report, called **Save Our Sons,** from its headquarters, home of its co-chairman, Mrs. Florence Gowgiel (615 Archer Rd., Argo, Ill.), mother-in-law of a Korean veteran wounded in action.

MOTHERS JOIN UP: The April issue carries these items:

- Rev. Naylor (Rosedale Methodist Church, Washington, D. C.) told his congregation about SOS.
- The **Churchman** printed our story.
- Rev. Paul Caton (Methodist Minister of Chicago) told SOS: "The American people must realize they cannot go on sacrificing their sons to the war gods."
- American Friends Service Committee announced there had been 450 showings of the Quaker peace film, "A Time for Greatness."
- Mothers of GI's in Korea wrote from Delavan, Wis., Verndale, Minn., Holland, Ky., Avon, Ill., asking what they could do to help. A mother in a small Colorado town wrote: "The greatest movement in the world is the peace movement. It is God's movement for a New Heaven and a New Earth."
- A quote from **The Butcher Workman,** AFL Butchers Union:

> If Chou En-lai wants to stop the shooting, then we are cranially cracked if we don't do something about it. If peace would cause a slump in business, then we can only say that nothing would please us better than to see a sign tacked on every bullet factory throughout the world reading, "Forever Closed."

"MORAL LAW ENDURES": Meanwhile the Cleveland **Press** (3/16) featured the story of an 80-year-old "peace-loving grandma" in that city who had "successfully defied the Internal Revenue Bureau for the past five years" on the principle of refusing to pay for war. Mrs. Caroline F. Urie, a Quaker, told the paper:

> "I am paying only the percentage of my income tax which the Bureau of the Budget informs me is allotted to non-military expenditures."

Mrs. Urie wrote to Pres. Eisenhower:

> As I am not a tax evader, I pay each year the entire withheld portion of my tax to three agencies dedicated to the prevention of war—the Friends Service Comm., Fellowship of Reconciliation, World Council for the People's World Constituent Assembly [organization of which Fyke Farmer is U.S. representative, P. O. Box 45 Nashville 5, Tenn.]
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> . . . It is vain for true seekers of peace on earth to acquiesce in the short-cuts of violence and coercion imposed upon us by those who temporarily wield political control. . . . Methods of violence are . . . the dragon's teeth that breed ever-increasing violence: "They that take the sword shall perish by the sword." The Moral Law of the Universe is neither short-sighted nor temporary. Founded on eternal truth, it endures.

Mrs. Urie said she had once been visited by an Internal Revenue man; when she explained her position he "seemed so in agreement and so apologetic that I felt inclined to console him."

2d Arts Festival May 8 at L. A. Unitarian Church

The First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles has announced its second annual Arts Festival (May 8-17) with the theme, "Art as a Constructive Force," and invited hundreds of leading S. California artists to submit works and programs in keeping with that theme. Leading dancers, poets, musicians, painters, sculptors and others will participate.

Last year's festival gained nationwide recognition for the church and its minister, Rev. Stephen H. Fritchman, an outstanding leader in the fight for cultural freedom.

Lawson speaks on *Blockade* in San Francisco May 22

John Howard Lawson, playwright, screenwriter and historian, will speak at the 22d anniversary celebration of the Spanish Republic Saturday, May 16, at 8 p.m., at 150 Golden Gate Av. He will speak about his film, **Blockade,** which will be shown at the meeting. It is a full-length film, starring Henry Fonda and Madeleine Carroll, produced in 1938 in Hollywood.

The meeting is sponsored by the Spanish Refugee Appeal and the Bay Area Post, Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. Alvah Bessie, editor of the anthology, **The Heart of Spain,** will be chairman. David Thompson, another VALB member, will speak.

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'If she is the one, what a sign!'

MRS. CLARE BOOTH LUCE, Catholic-converted wife of the publisher of **Time, Life** and **Fortune,** arrived with her husband in Italy last week as the new U.S. Ambassador to Rome. The feelings of leading European Catholics with regard to the appointment seemed to be summed up in this excerpt from his diary recently published by author and **Figaro** columnist Francois Mauriac, considered the leading right-wing Catholic intellectual in France:

> **Feb. 9**—I read in **Combat** that Mrs. Clare Booth Luce is going to be appointed U.S. Ambassador to Rome. I am wondering, not without anguish, whether she is the same Catholic lady who invited us to lunch, Emanuel Mounier and myself, on Saturday, Nov. 12, 1949, to sound us out on the preventive use of the atom bomb. In truth, she didn't tell us that she approved it, but she first saw our stupor that a Christian could even put the question. If dear Mounier hadn't been there, and if I hadn't feared shocking him, I would have pretended to lean in the direction of semi-approval just to see how far the lady was prepared to go. Mounier and I were somewhat on the outs with one another, but during this sinister luncheon we understood how close we really were. That very evening I received this note from him:
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> "Nov. 12—My dear Maurice, tomorrow I am going by plane to Copenhagen. Before I leave, I must say this to you: do something with **Figaro** about what we heard at noon. You must. I am sure you yourself already want to do this. Let us not leave to party spirit the necessary cry of conscience. Excuse this imperious tone which is proper neither to my age nor to our relationship. But we have lived too intimately together at noon today through the same shattering experience. It was a sort of sacrament that we were sharing. And compared to this, what matter literary quarrels? Yours, in this fraternity, E. Mounier."
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> I still want to doubt that it is the same person who will represent in Rome the Catholics of the United States. If she is truly the one, what a sign! Ah, we shall no longer, on dying, be able to sing the hymn of old Simeon; it is not the salvation of Israel that we shall have seen in the eventide of our life, it is not in peace that we shall fall asleep.

CLARE B. LUCE
On a visit to the Pope in 1949

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Hallinan to speak in capital at PP jimcrow parley May 16

THE Progressive Party national office announced last week that it will hold a three-day conference in Washington (May 16-18) to insist that President Eisenhower live up to his campaign promise to eliminate segregation and discrimination in the District of Columbia.

Vincent Hallinan, PP candidate for President in 1952, will fly from California to address a public meeting Saturday night, May 16. The conference will open at 11 a.m. that morning at the Odd Fellows Hall, Ninth and T Sts. NW, Washington. Former Congressman Hugh DeLacy will give the keynote. Mrs. Emma Henderson of Detroit will be chairman. Attorney Joseph Forer of Washington will present a program for action.

Also speaking at the Saturday evening meeting will be C. B. Baldwin, PP secy., and Eslanda Goode Robeson, author and lecturer, of Connecticut.

COMMITTEE MEETS: On Sunday, May 17, there will be an all-day session of the PP Natl. Committee, beginning at 10 a.m., at the Statler Hotel. This meeting will launch a campaign to win support for an immediate cease-fire in Korea and will discuss Mr. Eisenhower's five point program to which the Soviet Union replied last week. The committee also will discuss proposals for the repeal of the McCarran Act and the Walter-McCarran Act. It will take up too the PP policies in the 1953 state and municipal elections and the 1954 Congressional elections.

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W. E. B. DuBois: 'The right to speak up implies the right to keep silent'

THE STATEMENT on "Rights and Responsibilities" issued March 30 by the Assn. of American Universities consists of two quite contradictory parts, either written by different groups or representing inconsistent states of the same mind; and yet signed by all.

The first three sections, comprising four-fifths of the statement, is an almost unexceptionable defense of the role of education in the building of America; the historic function of the university in the world and its basic difference from business enterprise; its absolute need of freedom and the fact that it takes no "official position of its own either on disputed questions of scholarship or on political questions or matters of public policy." It stresses the truth that the scholar's mission "requires the study and examination of unpopular ideas, of ideas considered abhorrent and even dangerous." Here is a brave, forthright statement worthy of Ameircan scholarship.

Then this same statement turns right about and in its last fifth, contradicts every word which it has said and defends the inquisition of teachers, the subjection of colleges to the State and to "Benevolence," and finally in particular blasts Communism.

THIS FINAL PART of the statement declares that the right of free thought and free speech involves the duty of revealing to the public, if asked, all one's thoughts and convictions, present and past. If the teacher is "called upon to answer for his convictions, it is his duty to speak out." His invocation of the protection of the Fifth Amendment "places on a professor a heavy burden of proof of his fitness to hold a teaching position." Usually men are judged by their present beliefs and actions; but here the leaders of American education assert that a man must reveal what he has thought in the past and presumably the names of those who agreed with him at the time.

After this, these scholars and scientists roll up their sleeves and come out in the open: As creatures of the State and of "tax-exempt Benevolence," colleges and their faculties must obey both. As such obedient servants:

"We condemn Russian Communism," declare the very persons who have just affirmed that colleges can take "no official position" on "political questions or matters of public policy." They proceed: to call Communism an "international conspiracy" which uses falsehood and deceit to bring about world-wide revolution. They therefore conclude that "no person who accepts or advocates such principles or methods has any place in a university." And they imply all socialists and communists are such persons.

YET HERE AGAIN are the same men who have just said that a scholar's "mission" is to study and examine "unpopular ideas, ideas considered abhorrent and even dangerous." Suppose that after honest study of Communism an American scholar should be convinced that Communism is not a "conspiracy"; that it does not use falsehood and deceit more than other social theories; and that its object is not world revolution Other scholars like the Webbs, H. G. Wells, Joliot-Curie and J. D. Bernal have come to such conclusions; why must American students accept another set of judgments? There is certainly strong argument that the attempt of socialism and communism to rid the world of poverty, ignorance and disease is not only laudable but eventually possible. Who has the right to say that American students must not heed such evidence; that professors who do not agree must be dismissed; or that persons are suspect who believe that the right to speak implies the right to keep silent?

Burck in Chicago Sun-Times

"These text-books should be banned—they all start reading from the left."

This attack of American professors on the right to teach then narrows down to specific cases: appointment to university positions requires:

"not only" **professional competence;** that is, knowledge of what he is talking about;
but **"loyal citizenship,"** which may mean submission to current public opinion or to the dicta of the political party in power;
and **"integrity and independence"** which on the other hand will surely bring him dismissal if he dares disagree with dominant opinion and is "independent" enough to say so.

THIS EXTRAORDINARY DOCUMENT denies that any Communist can be honest by dogmatically declaring that no Communist can think independently, since he follows "a line" which he blindly obeys. This argument is so often repeated today that it deserves examination: "Following a line" is simply agreeing to act as the organization which you join has laid down as desirable. We live and must live by organization. To join any organization of any kind is a voluntary curtailment of our freedom. All successful organization thus involves "following a line."

In this nation today there are millions who follow the line of the Catholic Church. There are more millions who follow the line of capitalist private industry as laid down by the National Assn. of Manufacturers. Indeed, no nation nor group could exist unless it "followed lines" of leadership and refused to wander aimlessly into absolutely independent and unrelated action. What intelligent liberals ask is not anarchy, but the right thoughtfully to choose the line of action which they prefer and also the right to withdraw when they cease to agree. No one apparently charges that Americans are compelled to join the Communist Party or to remain in it when they prefer to withdraw. On the contrary, joining, withdrawing and tattling, would seem to be quite lucrative for many; while standing by socialistic belief calls for an extraordinary degree of courage.

THIS MANIFESTO finally sinks to agreement with those who are willing to drive the world into war. Not content with pointing out the great differences in economic philosophy which today divide the world, these scholars try to persuade Americans to believe that their Soviet opponents are not simply wrong but in addition are dishonest conspirators whom they should despise, hate and kill. This is the eternal technique of the warmonger. Your enemy is not only a fool; he is a scoundrel. The Thirty Years War dragged out its horrible length because Catholics believed all Protestants to be rascals and Protestants believed all Catholics to be liars. Our Civil War became inevitable when Northerners believed the South wanted labor enslaved and Southerners believed all Northerners were thieves. If today Americans can be painted as set on the destruction of Russia and the Soviets as wanting to rule the world, then huge profit on cheap land and labor in Asia and Africa and disorganized labor in Europe and America will follow for the capitalists who survive a Third World War.

It becomes logical that the University which refused to let Shostakovich give a concert on its campus should help lead the nation which refused to let Picasso talk Peace on its soil, into dismissal and starvation of scores of professors of character, learning and reputation and driving hundreds of others into shameful silence; into driving thousands of college students into hysterical cowardice; into dismissal of the best public school teachers; and into imprisonment of leaders of the Communist Party, accused of no illegal act; and finally to call this—(Gerechtige Gott!)—ACADEMIC FREEDOM.

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Detroit, Mich. VE 9-6960

Help wanted
GUARDIAN ANGELS WANTED. Volunteers to help with office work. With or without typing. Half days, whole days, hours, regularly each week. Angels please call GUARDIAN, WOrth 4-3960.

WE GUARANTEE

- All merchandise is sold .. 20%-40% below list price.
- All merchandise carri.. a manufacturer's one year service guarantee.
- All sales are guara...eed — money will be refunded on request.

PHOTO SUPPLIES

KODACOLOR FILM.
No. 120. Daylight or type A. Shipping wgt. 1 lb.
List Price $2.15 Guard. Price $1.60

No. 620. Daylight or type A. Shipping wgt. 1 lb.
List Price $2.14 Guard. Price $1.60

KODACHROME.
35 mm. 20 exposures. Daylight or type A. Shipping wgt. 1 lb.
List Price $3.50 Guard. Price $2.98

Same as above. 36 exposures.
List Price $5.50 Guard. Price $4.89

KODAK VERICHROME FILM.
All shipping wgts. 2 lbs.
No. 127. Minimum 6 rolls.
List Price per roll $.41 Guard. Price per roll $.30
No. 120. Minimum 6 rolls.
List Price per roll $.46 Guard. Price per roll $.36

No. 620. Minimum 6 rolls.
List Price per roll $.46 Guard. Price per roll $.36

No. 616. Minimum 6 rolls.
List Price per roll $.56 Guard. Price per roll $.42

No. 120 Super XXX or Plus X. Minimum 6 rolls.
List Price per roll $.51 Guard. Price per roll $.41

No. 620 XX or Plus X. Minimum 6 rolls.
List Price per roll $.51 Guard. Price p-r roll $.41

Note: On all color film specify daylight (outdoor) or type A (indoor).

KODACHROME MOVIE FILM.
8 mm. Daylight or type A. 25 ft. magazine. Shipping Wgt. 1 lb.
List Price $4.80 Guard. Price $4.00

8 mm. Daylight or type A. 25 ft. roll. Shipping wt. 1 lb.
List Price $3.95 Guard. Price $3.30

16 mm. Daylight or type A. 50 ft. magazine. Shipping wgt. 1 lb.
List Price $7.15 Guard. Price $6.00

16 mm. Daylight or type A. 100 ft. roll. Shipping wgt. 1 lb.
List Price $10.85 Guard. Price $9.10

KODAK Black & White MOVIE FILM
All shipping wgts. 1 lb.
8 mm. 25 ft. magazine.
List Price $4.20 Guard. Price $3.75

8 mm. 25 ft. roll.
List Price $2.95 Guard. Price $2.50

16 mm. 50 ft. magazine.
List Price $5.50 Guard. Price $4.69

16 mm. 100 ft. roll.
List Price $7.35 Guard. Price $6.00

FLASH BULBS.
No. 5. Shipping wgt. 5 lbs.
List Price case of 120 $15.60 Guard. Price $11.70

RFL 2. Shipping wgt. 12 lbs.
List Price case of 24 $27.00 Guard. Price $20.25

5 M. Shipping wgt. 5 lbs.
List Price case of 120 $16.80 Guard. Price $12.60

PH 11. Shipping wgt. 10 lbs.
List Price case of 120 $18.00 Guard. Price $13.50

FOR THE CHILD

BIRDSEYE DIAPERS.
30x30. Soft, absorbent Birdseye fabric. One dozen to package. Shipping wgt. 2 lbs.
List Price $4.95 Guard. Price $3.50 per doz.

PACIFIC FITTED CRIB SHEETS.
Percale crib sheet. Fits 52x28 mattress. 2 to a package. Shipping wgt. 1 lb.
List Price $3.98 Guard. Price 2 for $2.98

TRIMBLE BATHINET.
Solid aluminum top, plastic pad and aqua-temp spray. Trimble's finest bathinette. Shipped express.
List Price $25.00 Guard. Price $17.95

KLEINERTS DOUBLE - TEXTURED DRY-DOWN SHEETS.
18x27 double textured. White flanelette with natural rubber. May be sterilized. 2 to package. Shipping wgt. 2 lbs.
List Price $2.39 Guard. Price $1.88 for 2

SIEBERT 3-POSITIONAL STROLLER WITH CANOPY.
Collapsible. Heavy-duty fabric. One wheel brake. Adjusts for sitting, reclining or laying down. Shipped express.
List Price $17.95 Guard. Price $13.50

GUARDIAN BUYING SERVICE ORDER BLANK

Quantity	Size, Color, Description	Amount
	TOTAL	
	POSTAGE —	

(N. Y. C. buyers add 3% Sales Tax)

Name ....

Address ....

Full payment must accompany all orders. Make checks, money orders payable to GUARDIAN BUYING SERVICE.

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PENS

PARKER "21" PEN & PENCIL SET.
"21" pen with special polished metal cap and clip. Retractable pencil. Shipping wgt. 1 lb.
List Price $8.75 Guard. Price $6.49

PARKER "21" SPECIAL PEN.
Polished metal cap and clip. Shipping wgt. 1 lb.
List Price $5.00 Guard. Price $3.00

PARKER 51 LUSTRALOY SET.
"51" pen with lustraloy cap. Retractable pencil. Shipping wgt. 1 lb.
List Price $22.50 Guard. Price $16.95

Lustraloy pen only. Shipping wgt. 1 lb.
List Price $15.00 Guard. Price $11.25

COMMUNITY SILVERPLATE.
52 pc. service for 8. Coronation, Morning Star, Evening Star, Lady Hamilton and White Orchid patterns. Shipped express.
List Price $77.50 Guard. Price $54.95

76 pc. service for 12. Same as above.
List Price $112.50 Guard. Price $79.95

1847 ROGERS SILVERPLATE.
52 pc. service for 8. Daffodil, First Love, Remembrance, Eternally Yours patterns. Shipped express.
List Price $74.50 Guard. Price $52.95

76 pc. service for 12. Same as above.
List Price $107.50 Guard. Price $75.95

HOLMES-EDWARDS SILVERPLATE.
52 pc. service for 8. Danish Princess, Romance, May Queen, Spring Garden, Lovely Lady patterns. Shipped express.
List Price $74.95 Guard. Price $52.95

FREE

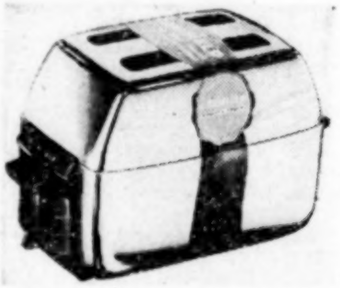
WATERMAN'S BALL POINT PEN

Model B-102. Instant starting, smear proof. Dry ink. Does not fade.

FREE with every initial order of $15 or more for the new Guardian Buying Service.

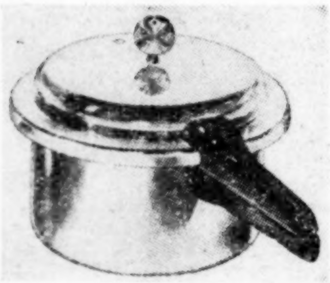
MAY GIFT SPECIALS

Each month the Buying Service will offer "Special Buys" of seasonable interest and on which we can offer particularly good discounts.



CAMFIELD TOASTER
Rated "best" by an independent consumer research org. Chrome finished. 2-slice toaster. Operates from either side. Fully automatic. Shipping wgt. 8 lbs.
List Price $23.95 Guard. Price $15.95

MIRRO-MATIC 4 QUART PRESSURE COOKER
Top rated by an independent consumer research org. Automatic pressure control. Made of thick gauge, hard aluminum alloy. Shipping wgt. 7 lbs.
List Price $12.95 Guard. Price $8.69



PEASANT BLOUSES FROM HUNGARY
Exquisite, hand made Magyar blouses in white Swiss voile with blue, red, black or multi-color embrodiery to match any ensemble. Sizes 32 to 42. Specify color and size. Shipping wgt. 1 lb.
List Price $4.95 Guard. Price $3.45

VALCORT NYLO..S
Beige, dark brown or taupe. Specify color and size. Shipping wgt. 1 lb. Box of 3 pairs.

	List Price	Guard. Price
51-15	3 for $3.84	3 for $2.70
51-30	3 for $3.84	3 for $2.70
60-15	3 for $4.79	3 for $2.99
60-30	3 for $4.79	3 for $2.99

EVEREADY POTATO BAKER.
Top of the stove baker. Chrome finish. Heat resistant handle. Shipping wt. 2 lbs.
List Price $3.25 Guard. Price $2.45

HAMILTON BEACH TANK VACUUM CLEANER.
Complete with attachments. Top rated by an independent consumer research org. Shipped express.
List Price $78.50 Guard. Price $58.95

STEAM-O-MATIC STEAM OR DRY IRON.
Stainless steel combination steam and dry iron. Shipping wgt. 6 lbs.
List Price $19.95 Guard. Price $14.95

JUICE KING.
Squeezes oranges, lemons, limes, grapefruit. Eliminates pulp, gets all the juice. Shipping wgt. 5 lbs.
List Price $5.95 Guard. Price $4.45

PARCEL POST RATES

When ordering please determine postage from chart below and add to item cost. Shipping weights are noted with each item. Distances in chart are determined from New York City.

Weight in Pounds.	ZONES Local	1-2 Up to 150 Miles	3 150 to 300 Miles	4 300 to 600 Miles	5 600 to 1000 Miles	6 1000 to 1400 Miles	7 1400 to 1800 Miles	8 Over 1800 Miles
1	$0.15	$0.17	$0.17	$0.19	$0.21	$0.23	$0.25	$0.27
2	.17	.20	.21	.24	.28	.33	.37	.41
3	.18	.22	.24	.29	.35	.42	.48	.55
4	.19	.25	.28	.34	.42	.51	.60	.69
5	.20	.27	.31	.38	.48	60	.71	.83
6	.22	.29	.35	.43	.55	.70	.83	.97
7	.23	.32	.38	.48	.62	.79	.94	1.11
8	.24	.34	.42	.53	.69	.88	1.06	1.25
9	.25	.37	.45	.57	.75	.97	1.17	1.39
10	.27	.39	.49	.62	.82	1.07	1.29	1.53
11	.28	.41	.52	.67	.89	1.16	1.40	1.67
12	.29	.44	.56	.72	.96	1.25	1.52	1.81
13	.30	.46	.59	.76	1.02	1.34	1.63	1.95
14	.32	.49	.63	.81	1.09	1.44	1.75	2.09
15	.33	.51	.66	.86	1.16	1.53	1.86	2.23
16	.34	.53	.70	.91	1.23	1.62	1.98	2.37
17	.35	.56	.73	.95	1.29	1.71	2.09	2.51
18	.37	.58	.77	1.00	1.36	1.81	2.21	2.65
19	.38	.61	.80	1.05	1.43	1.90	2.32	2.79
20	.39	.63	.84	1.10	1.50	1.99	2.44	2.93